



The Desert Whispers

from Johnson Valley

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BOX SOCIAL IN SEPTEMBER

A box social will be the first event in a series of community affairs sponsored by the Johnson Valley Improvement Association.

Everyone is welcome to the old-fashioned box social, to be held Sept. 21, in the community building on Larrea Road.

Each lady attending is to bring a box lunch for two. Boxes will be auctioned, and the buyer will dine with the one who packed the lunch.

Auctioneering will begin at 6 p.m.

Coffee will be provided, and soft drinks may be purchased.

Proceeds will be allocated to the building fund. Although the box social is planned as a fund raising, the main purpose is to give neighbors an opportunity to become acquainted, it was emphasized by Alex Chernoff, president of the JVI Assn.

Children may bring their own box lunches and skip the auctioneering process if they wish.

The name of the person packing the lunch should be placed inside of the box.

Reservations are not required, and attendance is not limited to members. Everyone is welcome and the only charge is for the purchase of the box lunch.

WATER SYSTEM PROPOSAL TO BE AIRED

An open meeting on the proposed water system will be held Sept. 14 in the Landers community building, at 8 p.m.

The new concept in a water system will be explained. The "user to user" plan is discussed on page two in the Desert Whispers.

Landers, Homestead and Johnson Valley property owners are cooperating in organizing the Bighorn Rural Water Assn.

JVIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEET SEPT. 7

The executive board of the Johnson Valley Improvement Association will meet at 2 p.m. in the community building.

LAND TO BE SOLD

Twelve parcels of land in the Shadow Mountains Quadrangle will be offered for the first time on Sept. 11. Bids will be accepted at 10 a.m., in the Land Office at 1414 University Ave., Riverside. The records are open for inspection at the land office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Appraised valuation of the 12 parcels ranges from \$638 to \$860.

Land is offered under the Southern California Small Tract Program, according to the Bureau of Land Management. Prospective buyers are urged to inspect the tracts personally.

PHONE DISTRICT TO BE DISCUSSED

Representatives of General Telephone will answer questions at the September meeting of the Johnson Valley Improvement Assn., scheduled for 8 p.m. Sept. 7 in the community building on Larrea Rd.

Planning to attend are Ralph Dutro, division manager, and E. C. Kropf, exchange manager.

The Public Utilities Commission has not yet granted the franchise, and General Telephone is still pursuing the matter, Kropf said.

Everyone is urged to attend the meeting and obtain first-hand information. Visitors are always welcome, according to the association president, Alex Chernoff.

A new concept in water systems was explained at the August meeting of the JVIA. Speakers included Walter C. Remy, president of the Bighorn Rural Water Assn., Max Epley, Bill Gribble, and Herb Chapton, engineer for the new association. (The proposal is discussed in detail in this issue of the Desert Whispers)

How To Report Fire

Chief Max Epley, of the Landers Fire Department, explained the procedure for summoning aid. The Landers department serves the area west to the Chisel Inn.

In case of fire, the department can be contacted on CB radio by calling KOX 2945 unit 1, or by phone at 364-2323. The Forestry Dept. should be called in addition, Chief Epley emphasized.

Someone must meet the equipment at Old Woman Springs Road, with vehicle headed in the direction to be taken to the fire, ready to lead the fire truck to the scene without delay.

If it is night, a flashlight should be used to signal the approaching firetruck.

The department is seeking volunteers to serve in shifts. Volunteers will be given instruction in operation of the equipment, Chief Epley said.

DELAY IN TOW SERVICE

Glider tow service will be resumed at Soggy Dry Lake Glider Port in a few weeks, it was announced. Service at the new glider port was temporarily discontinued while owner-operator Bill Kensinger completed a large crop-dusting operation at Earlimart.

In the interim, the facility was burglarized, according to Charles Casey, and guard service was obtained.

Mrs. Casey is urging return of at least the parachutes, which may be of no use to whoever has them. She also requests interested flyers to join a work party to improve the road into the airport, with a date to be set. She can be reached in Fontana at 823-6423.

WATER (Part Four)

A new concept in water systems, less expensive to the property owner than those previously considered by Johnson Valley residents, is now being proposed by a group of local residents. The new idea is not related to previous water systems discussed in this series on water. However, information previously gathered is being made available to the new organization to avoid duplication of expense for surveys.

The Farm Home Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture makes 40-year loans, at not more than 5 per cent interest, for up to 90 per cent of the cost of a rural water system to provide rural water users a system with reasonable water rates.

A group in Johnson Valley, Landers and Homestead Valley areas has organized a water association under the name of Bighorn Rural Water Association. Efforts are being made to determine how many would participate as water users. Anyone not wanting water is entirely excluded and need not be concerned.

The F.H.A. system is designed to serve from user to user, rather than the grid system as in county water districts. Participants are termed "benefit users" and have no personal liability under the non-profit corporation formed.

There are no general obligation bonds; no assessment bonds on property; no water tax, and no stand-by charge. The loan is secured by the water system.

The benefit user invests a nominal amount, which includes meter installation and a share in the association. This amount shall not exceed \$300. Water users pay a monthly minimum rate, and a sum used to retire the interest and the principal, which is dependent on the number of users.

At the outset, the benefit user remits \$25 of his share, part of which may be used for formation and survey expenses. Should the system prove not feasible by F.H.A. standards, the remainder is refunded to the benefit users. If the system is deemed feasible by the F.H.A., the benefit user remits the balance of his share at the time the F.H.A. approves the system and authorizes the installation. The share amount depends on the final total number of benefit users participating. The system will not be installed if the \$300 figure is exceeded, according to officers of the association.

Additional users can be added at a later date, but costs will be higher on an individual basis.

The district is governed by a board of directors elected by the share-holders. It has no taxing power and can not place any lien on the property. Water is metered at the property line and the user reads his own meter. Water is tested and treated as is city water. If a user does not meet the monthly payments, service is discontinued. A charge is made for reconnection.

No closing date has been set for accepting applications, although committee members have indicated a goal of 50 per cent of the property owners has been set.

Applications and the initial commitment of \$25 may be sent to the Bighorn Rural Water Association., P.O. Box 3121, Landers, Calif. 92284. Questions and a stamped envelope may be directed to the same address for a quick reply.

The legal description of the property should be included, according to Walter C. Remy, president of the association.

Interested persons are also invited to a public meeting on the proposal to be held in the Landers community building the evening of Sept. 14, at 8 o'clock.

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Rev. Patrick J. Scanlan, Pastor

"DESERT FANTASY" IS PARADE THEME

Applications will be accepted through Sept. 20 for participation in the sixth annual Fun Festival of the Landers area.

"Desert Fantasy" is the theme of the event to be held Oct. 4-5-6.

Parade time is 10 a.m. Oct. 5. Opal Hamman is parade chairman. Classifications for parade entries include floats, marching groups, equestrian units, bands and junior entries.

Booths, games and food are also scheduled for the three-day event.

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SHOUTS AND WHISPERS

Pat and Dick Reeley entertained Pat's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mullins, of Charleston, Illinois, for a weekend. Mr. Mullins is editor of their home-town paper. * * * * *

The Desert Sands Citizens Band Inc., is presenting a three-day seminar on desert survival this weekend. Displays, raffles, educational demonstrations and search and rescue techniques are on the agenda, in Galileo Park near California City. * * *

St. Paul's Church held a successful and profitable festival again this year, the Rev. Patrick J. Scanlan reported. Among the cheerful and willing workers was Mrs. Ruby Piner, of Johnson Valley.

Teenagers still meet weekly at the church hall, Father Scanlan said. Activities included an outing at Big Bear Lake. The teenagers have also sent a contribution of \$180 to a Los Angeles orphanage. * * *

Dan and Eva Jarvis canned wild blackberries over a campfire during their trip to Oregon. They also visited with friends and relatives, including a sister, Ethel Casey and her family, who had just returned from visiting their three sons in Idaho.

The Jarvises made a hurried departure ahead of schedule because of rain, but arrived home in time to visit with daughter Coleen, (Mrs. Marvin Lathrop) and family from Texas. * * * * *

Sarge and Marie Stanley enjoyed a visit from Sarge's sister, Mrs. Reba Dare, from Bridgeton, New Jersey, and her two grandsons Hermus and Albert Waller. It was their first trip to California. They all spent three days in Long Beach with Charles and Doris Brundle. Grand-daughters drew straws to decide who would accompany the young visitors on a trip to Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm. Patty Brundle and Kathy Wilcox were elected.

Spending two weeks in Johnson Valley with the Stanley's are Marie's daughter Rita Luster, great-grand-daughter Missy, and Missy's young friend, Sally McDonald.

It has been suggested that the trouble with each generation is that it hasn't read the minutes of the last meeting.

--Crusader

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

Ancel and Pearl Cole have become so involved in Johnson Valley activities, that it seems as though they are old timers, but actually they have lived here for only three years. However, they've been roaming on the desert since 1954, camping and rock hunting.

Ancel came from Missouri in 1923. Pearl also left her home state, Wisconsin, when an infant.

"Coley" owned and operated a paint store in Baldwin Park, where he was active in the Chamber of Commerce and served as president in 1952. On Ancel's retirement, brother Elmo took over the store.

Coley was on the county fire department in Baldwin Park, Five Points, Pico and Santa Fe Springs.

He is a top-notch lapidary, with a latent talent discovered when a friend mentioned plans to attend a night class at Covina High School. The friend forgot to go, but Coley enrolled and has been producing beautiful work ever since. His inlaid tables, bookends, spheres, jewelry and desk sets have been exhibited in shows in and around Los Angeles County. He can also be proud of his unusual pictures in petrified wood and rock, which were shown on television.

Coley was one of the organizers and served as president of the Baldwin Park Mineral and Lapidary Club, Inc. The Coles will host the club for the September meeting with a steak-fry at their Johnson Valley home.

The Coles are also members of the Desert Ears CB Club, and opened their home for the club steak-fry last year when almost 100 persons attended.

The Coles have three sons, living in the San Gabriel Valley. Two are engineers and one follows in pop's footsteps in the paint business. There are eight grandchildren.

The Coles enjoy the desert, and Ancel points out that it always looks new and different if you keep your eyes open. Pearl added that the people are "just wonderful". (She's right, and the Coles are two of them) -M.C.

Johnson Valley Improvement Association Financial Report

Income	\$1,130	Expenditures	
Collections		\$1,195.39	
	\$139	Fixed Exp.	
Rummage	159	Taxes, ins. and	
Lamp Raffle	72	power:	\$284.03
Member.	242	Build.	834.81
Rent	20	misc.	86.55
Bldg. Fund Cont.			
	\$294	Ending June 30, 1968	
Christmas Money			
Tree	73		
Soft drinks and			
misc.	131		

SOUTH JOHNSON VALLEY NEWS

by Mildred Jacobs

John Reid is building a home in Sec. 13, while over in Sec. 11 the Murrays spent their vacation painting their house.

Mrs. Evans, Yucca Valley school teacher, is enjoying her new two-bedroom home in Johnson Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hansen, from Laguna Beach Leisure World, visited here before leaving for a 22-day European tour.

Quick action from the sheriff resulted when a message was delivered via C.B. radio, automobile and telephone, after a prowler was reported at the L. W. Jones home. Deputies tracked the suspect into the hills and he is now in custody.

Dan and Eva Hibbard have returned from a trip of more than two months and 7,000 miles in the East. Rain pursued them throughout, they report. But they enjoyed every minute visiting relatives and friends, escorting grandchildren through the Mammoth Caves and to rodeos, and seeing a lot of the country.

SUDDENLY IT'S FALL

There was a surprising change in the weather in the middle of August. It turned chilly and dropped to 50 degrees during the night of Aug. 14. Since then, days have been delightfully cool, and the temperature has been in the low 50's many nights. But there's no telling what September will bring.

EXPLORING THE DESERT?

Anyone planning to travel off the main road or away from habitation, is urged to file a "flight plan" before leaving.

Forms to fill out are available at the Chisel Inn, along with information on procedure to follow in the event of a car break-down, or if a person or group is lost.

If travelers do not return on schedule, the Johnson Valley Search and Rescue will see that help is soon on the way. The requested information will facilitate a rescue.

TABLES WERE TURNED ON JOE

Joe DeVictoria was taken by surprise when he returned to the Chisel Inn the evening of Aug. 10, and found 78 friends waiting to wish him well on his umptieth birthday. A huge card and money tree held a prominent place in the decorations.

A few brought food for the whole gang.

The DeVictorias have hosted numerous celebrations for Johnson Valley residents who thought it was time Joe was on the receiving end. When he came out of shock two days later, Joe said please say thank you to each and every one.

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REMEMBER THE BOX SOCIAL ON SEPT. 21
in the community building. Everyone
is invited.

PROS AND CONS OF SEPTEMBER 17th SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

FROM WALT BARDEN

On Sept. 17 voters will be asked to approve or reject a Coachella Valley Junior College (College of the Desert) District bond issue of \$2 million. We are part of that district by means of our approving the annexation by vote in 1967. While the Hi-Desert is not represented on the board of trustees, we must carry our share of the financial obligations of the district. Should the bond issue pass, it will mean that in the past eight years there will have been \$8 million of bonded indebtedness and \$1 million of Federal Aid (which also comes from taxation) supplied to the district.

The money to pay off these bonds comes only from property owners, and is but one of the bond issues for schools which Hi-Desert property owners must pay off. On the general election ballot in November, there will be another bond issue to be voted on - for the Morongo Unified School District - to finance another Junior High School.

The merits of whether good education can be bought with dollars is not the intent of this article. Its only intent is to bring to light the question as to how long we can continue to pay for ever-increasing costs of education. The average property owner in the Hi-Desert paid, in 1968, about 60 per cent of his total county tax for schools. Now that the county board of supervisors has announced an increase of 30 cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation, and the local school district an increase of about 40 cents, the school tax will, in all probability, exceed the 60 per cent of last year.

It becomes a simple matter of arithmetic to work out your own answer as to how long you can continue to pay ever-increasing taxation. Regardless of the "increased services", "matching funds" or other tricky phrases used by the recipients of increased taxation, the burden of payment still rests on the property owner, and not on the persons leasing or renting houses or apartments.

Adequate education is desirable (and compulsory to the age of 18) but when the increased services in any form get so far out of line as to impose hardships on the property owners, then the "increased services" become luxuries at the expense of the people who, through careful living and spending, have accumulated some property which is used to provide increased services for the less frugal, greater spending and higher living group of non-property owners.

A vote against the bond issues will not tend to impair nor reduce adequate education but will tend to slow down reckless spending and increased taxation. Each property owner must make his own decision.

COLLEGE OF DESERT VIEWS

Q. Why is the bond issue needed?

A. To accommodate the continued increase in enrollment, the college must add more classroom buildings. Federal funds are available to "share the burden" of construction costs with local taxpayers. However, the college cannot make use of the federal money if it does not have "matching" funds available to guarantee the district's portion of the financing. Thus, by having matching funds available, the college can reduce construction costs to local taxpayers by roughly one half.

Q. What are the alternatives to bonds?

A. A new California law which becomes effective July 1, 1969, allows school trustees to levy taxes without limit to raise matching money for federal and state construction grants. However, this pay-as-you-go financing would be much harder on local taxpayers because it could greatly increase the annual tax rate.

Q. Isn't a bond issue totaling \$2.5 million too high for the taxpayers of one school district?

A. Residents of the five high school (or unified) districts comprising the junior college district may think \$2.5 million in bonds an extremely heavy tax burden. For any single district it might be. However, the combined wealth of the five districts (currently \$430 million in assessed valuation) makes the task relatively much easier. The intent of the bonds is to keep the load as light as possible.

Q. How much federal construction assistance has the college received to date? How much additional money could be obtained with \$2.5 million in bonds used for matching purposes?

A. Approximately \$1 million in federal money has been obtained since 1965. If the bond issue passes, approximately \$2.5 million additional federal dollars could be obtained to virtually complete the Palm Desert campus.

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NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

by Aileen De Victoria

The month began on a sad note when Dean Piner received word that a sister in Fresno had passed away, and Dan Jarvis got a call on the death of his sister-in-law in Ore. Our sincere sympathies to both.

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Ancel Cole was working with his tractor when it hit a ditch and flipped. Ancel suffered three broken ribs, but is now recuperating at home.

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Leva Lafon underwent surgery and is now home and doing fine. Best wishes, Leva.

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Lucille Campbell injured her back doing yard work. She still must take it easy. Ona Lamb hurt her back the same weekend and in the same way.

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Tony and Zella Piacentini spent most of the summer finishing their Johnson Valley home, with a couple of weeks off to visit a son and his family in Fresno. Tony and Zella were in the restaurant business in Catalina for 25 years. They are now planning on retirement.

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Woody and Lois Shehorn took time off from practicing pool with their new pool table to take a trip to Lake Isabella for fishing and boating.

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Virgil and Myrna Drorbaugh have returned from a vacation in Oregon. The trip was marred when the motor of their car burned out.

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Mary Neary has been entertaining her mother, from New Jersey, and her sister, Sister Maria Patrick, of the Blessed Sacrament Convent in Valley Stream, N.Y. Mary drove them to the desert. She reported they were impressed with the friendly atmosphere and the beauty and peace of the desert.

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Dean Peterson received word his Dad has suffered a stroke. Our best wishes for a quick recovery, Clarence. --A.D.

THANK YOU

Leva LaFon says she would like to thank everyone for the nice cards and remembrances.

WATER ASSOCIATION NAME CHANGE

The new water association name was changed to Bighorn Mountain Water Assn., at the board of directors' meeting at the home of President Walter Remy, Monday evening.

The board will be represented at the Sept. 7 meeting of the Johnson Valley Improvement Association.

All directors plan to attend the public meeting at 8 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Landers Association building.

Next board meeting is Sept. 9.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Information regarding property missing from Soggy Dry Lake Airport: One set of plumbing fixtures, toilet and tank, new and still in packing cases; one .22 automatic rifle; two airplane panel instruments; three almost new parachutes, two are backpacks with log book, and one seat pack with log book with name Dave Casey; engine and airframe log with name Casey; three glider tow ropes; battery operated tape recorder. Please contact Dave Casey, 9442 Juniper Ave., Fontana, Calif., or phone 823-6423.

MORE FROM SOUTH JOHNSON VALLEY

by M. Jacobs

Jim and Beth Trainor are now permanent residents. They have retired from the movie industry.

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Louis Armelino has completed a new addition to the Armelino "dream home," which was once two structures.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jacobs and their two youngest children, Eric and Dawn, paid a visit to the Elmer Jacobs Saturday. They are from Glendale.

HOME TALENT CORNER

(The author, who wishes to remain anonymous, said this is a message. Wish we knew what inspired it)

Life can be happy and ever so sweet,
If only we're careful of what we repeat.
It makes some people happy and others
quite sad,
Then we are sorry for what we have said.
So let us be careful of what we say,
And all will be happier day after day.

PROGRESS REPORT

Sheriff Frank Bland went to bat for Johnson Valley and wrote to the Public Utilities Commission urging that the franchise be granted so that Johnson Valley may have telephones.

Sheriff Bland shared his response from the PUC with us, which says in part, "...until it is possible to provide service economically, in areas such as Johnson Valley, current realities as to cost must be recognized.

"The United States Supreme Court has ruled that a utility is entitled to an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its investment which is lawfully devoted to the public use. Prior to approval of expansion of an established exchange this Commission is charged with the responsibility of determining if it is justified and certain economic considerations must be met. Were it otherwise, and such an investment proved to be non-compensatory, the resulting losses would be borne by the other utility customers.

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Phone company representatives have indicated an intention to interpret the reply from the PUC, at the Sept. 7 meeting of the Johnson Valley Improvement Association.

YOUNG HOME TALENT

by Missy Hagood, age 10, great-granddaughter of Sarge and Marie Stanley.

My Dad said "On your vacation
Where do you want to go?
Make up your little mind,
And I'll supply the dough."

I thought of San Francisco
And the San Diego Zoo
Disneyland, Marineland,
And other places too.

But the best place of all, I thought
Without too much dilly-dally
Is out to Grandma and Grandpa's
In that beautiful Johnson Valley.

DESERT EARS DIME A DIP

More than 110 attended the Desert Ears Dime-a-Dip at the Landers Assn. building Sunday.

Good food, cool weather, a gorgeous sunset and a nice crowd added up to a most enjoyable and successful event.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 7 at 7:30 p.m. Johnson Valley Improvement Association. Community Bldg. on Larrea Road, Johnson Valley.

Sept. 14, at 8 p.m., Landers Association Hall, at 8 p.m. Public meeting on the new Bighorn Mountain Water Association.

Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. Johnson Valley Box Social, community building.

Man has made remarkable strides in conquering outer space, but how futile have been his efforts in conquering inner space - the space in the heart and minds of men.

--Charles L. Gould

THE OLD HORNED TOAD

Cooking a rattlesnake can be as enlightening as tasting one, if you've never done either before. Failing to find a recipe on snake cooking in our "Good Housekeeping" we experimented, with a four-foot Mojave Green that Coot found on Timico Road.

Doused with season salt, garlic salt and salt, our dinner reclined on a pan under the broiler and behind the see-through oven door. Under the heat, or maybe due to all that salt, it coiled slightly and raised its non-rattling end like a cobra in a basket responding to a Hindu fakir's flute-playing.

At precisely 8 p.m. (noting the time in case a coroner's report was required) we took a bite.

Apparently it was over-cooked, and over-salted and over-estimated. But it wasn't too bad. So we'll try again, and attempt to locate a recipe in the interim. And maybe at the next dime-a-dip...

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We accidentally ran on to the "Turnip Grinders" Pub Theater at Snow Summit, Big Bear Lake. A group of young Hollywood professionals has been presenting weekend performances in the old melodrama, olio and Gay 90's format. Shows run for a month. We saw "Clementine."

Penny Coulson can really belt out the oldies, while John Wigton presented the classical and operatic interludes.

Others in the cast were David Ferguson, Ashley Hall, (who doubles at the piano) Lesley Shelton and Tom Rust.

Ferguson produced and directed the show; Ray Sanders is artistic director; Albert Ferguson is in charge of the scenery; Lynda Carpenter, costumes, and Philip Bender, lighting.

Reservations can be made by calling 714-866-3337.

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Happy birthday to Dana Dumond, who was ten, or was it eleven, on Wednesday. Anyway, he is a whiz of a Scrabble player, for any age.

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It's rather disheartening to be reading an historical guide book and run across mention of relics, "the oldest dating clear back to the 1930's."

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Man has made remarkable strides in conquering outer space, but how little have been his efforts in conquering inner space - the space in the heart and mind of man.

--Charles E. Gould